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1822/1835-1855

801-835 Light St. (East side)

Baltimore, Md.

Private and semi-public access

The four large three story high, three bay wide brick commercial/residential buildings with shed roofs and bracketed cornices extending from 801 to 807 Light St. represent post-Civil War enlargements and remodelings of the original three story, gable-roofed houses that were built at this location in the 1840's. All of the buildings currently have modern first floor storefront areas, though 803-807 Light St. are now vacant and awaiting renovation. The Romanesque Revival style church building at 811 Light St. was built in the early 1850's for the local Presbyterian congregation and still serves as the Light St. Presbyterian church. The original brick facade has been covered with formstone but the brickwork can still be seen along both sides of the nave. 819 Light St., currently a three story, three bay brick building with shed roof and bracketed cornice and first floor storefront area, was built in 1822 by Charles Reeder, the owner of a steam engine manufactory located at the foot of Federal Hill. The house as Reeder built it for his own use was a two and a half story Federal style house much like its neighbors at 821-823 Light St., built somewhat later by Reeder for his children. A row of three story, two bay wide brick houses extends from 825-833 Light St. All originally had gable roofs, as 829-833 Light St. still do, but 825-827 Light St. have been remodeled with the front section of the roof being rebuilt as a shed roof and a bracketed cornice added. All of the first floor door and window openings of this group of houses, built in 1845-1850, have round arched lintels, a fairly uncommon feature in the area. The three story, three bay wide brick house at 835 Light St. also originally had a gable roof, but has since been remodeled with a shed roof and bracketed cornice.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

807 Light St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

— DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
— STRUCTURE
— SITE
— OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

— PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
— BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

— IN PROCESS
— BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
— UNOCCUPIED
— WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
— YES: UNRESTRICTED
— NO

PRESENT USE

— AGRICULTURE — MUSEUM
☒ COMMERCIAL — PARK
— EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
— ENTERTAINMENT — RELIGIOUS
— GOVERNMENT — SCIENTIFIC
— INDUSTRIAL — TRANSPORTATION
— MILITARY — OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☒ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED

DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three story brick building with shed roof and Neo-Grec cornice represents an enlargement of the original gable roofed structure that occupied this site. The first floor has been converted into a storefront and a new cornice added advertising the "Savings Bank" that once existed below.

The building is three stories in height, three bays (17 1/2' wide) and occupies a lot 75' deep. A two story high, three bay deep addition extends to the rear. The building is constructed in running bond. The shed roof is capped by a wooden cornice, consisting of a plain deep frieze area with a central pediment. Both the pediment and the frieze area are decorated with a row of dentil carvings. The three points of the pediment terminate in anthemions and the ends of the cornice are supported by Neo-Grec grooved brackets which terminate in urn-like finials. The frieze area itself has applied lettering which reads: "1872 Savings Bank 1885." There are two single covered chimneys located along the south side of the building.

The window openings of the second and third floors have splayed brick lintels and wood sills. The second floor openings are filled with 2/4 sash; the third floor openings are filled with 2/2 sash. The original storefront has been modernized. There are two late Victorian glass and panel doors (one leading to the residence above) flanking a single large plate glass window set on a new brick dado. The original cornice of the storefront has been obscured by a deep modern plasticized sign area. The building sits on a fairly high basement, the entrances being reached by flights of four marble steps each.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES orig. 1841/enl. 1885 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Joseph Donovan (original)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

See under 801 Light St.

The building is of interest for its unusual cornice proclaiming the name of the Savings Bank that took over at this location in 1885. The full name of the bank was the South Baltimore Permanent and Mutual Loan and Savings Association.¹ It was one of a large number of local savings and loan societies that had sprung up in the area to help the large influx of new homeowners purchase and finance their homes.

¹Baltimore City Land Records, Liber JB 1037, Folio 355

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BYNAME / TITLE
M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites SurveyorORGANIZATION
Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & EcclesDATE
4/79STREET & NUMBER
1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN
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Maryland 21204

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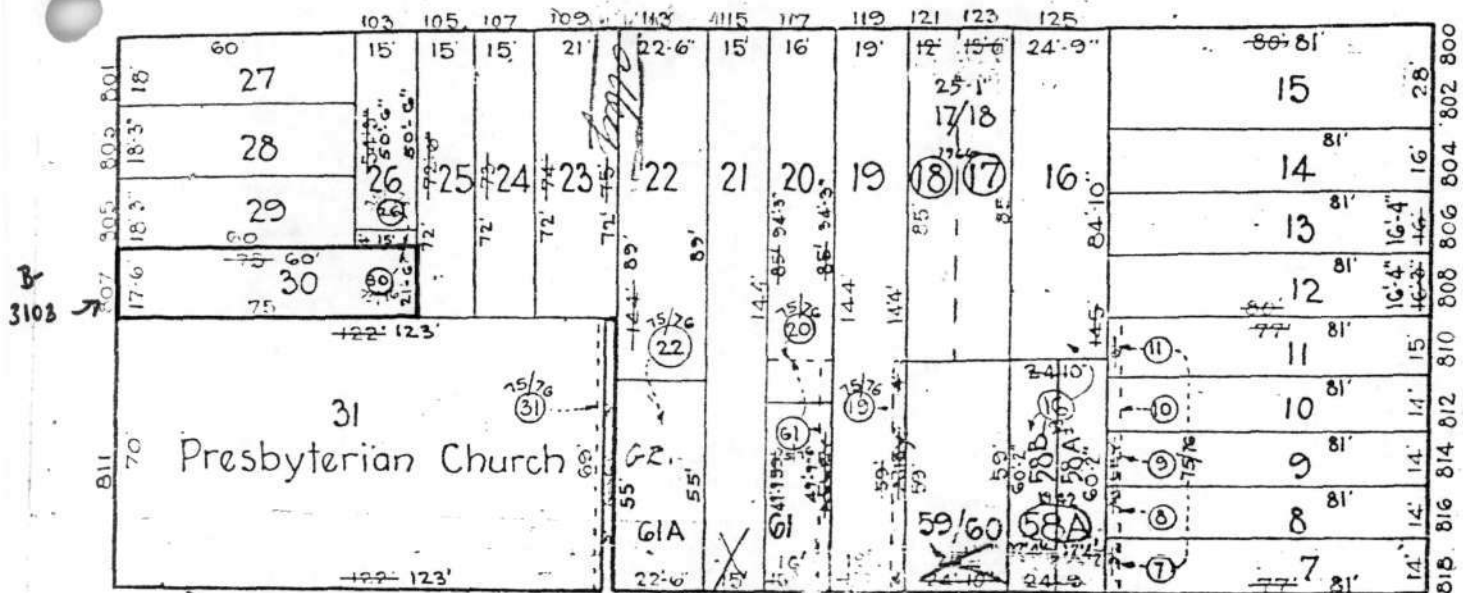
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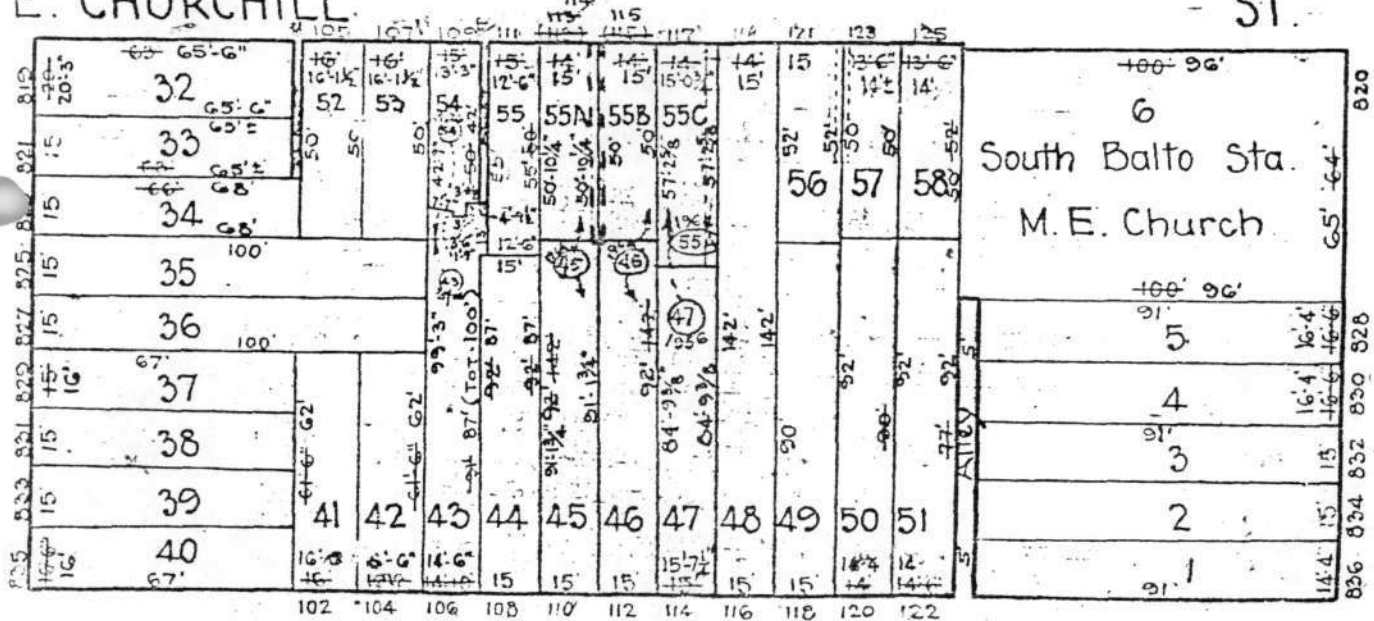
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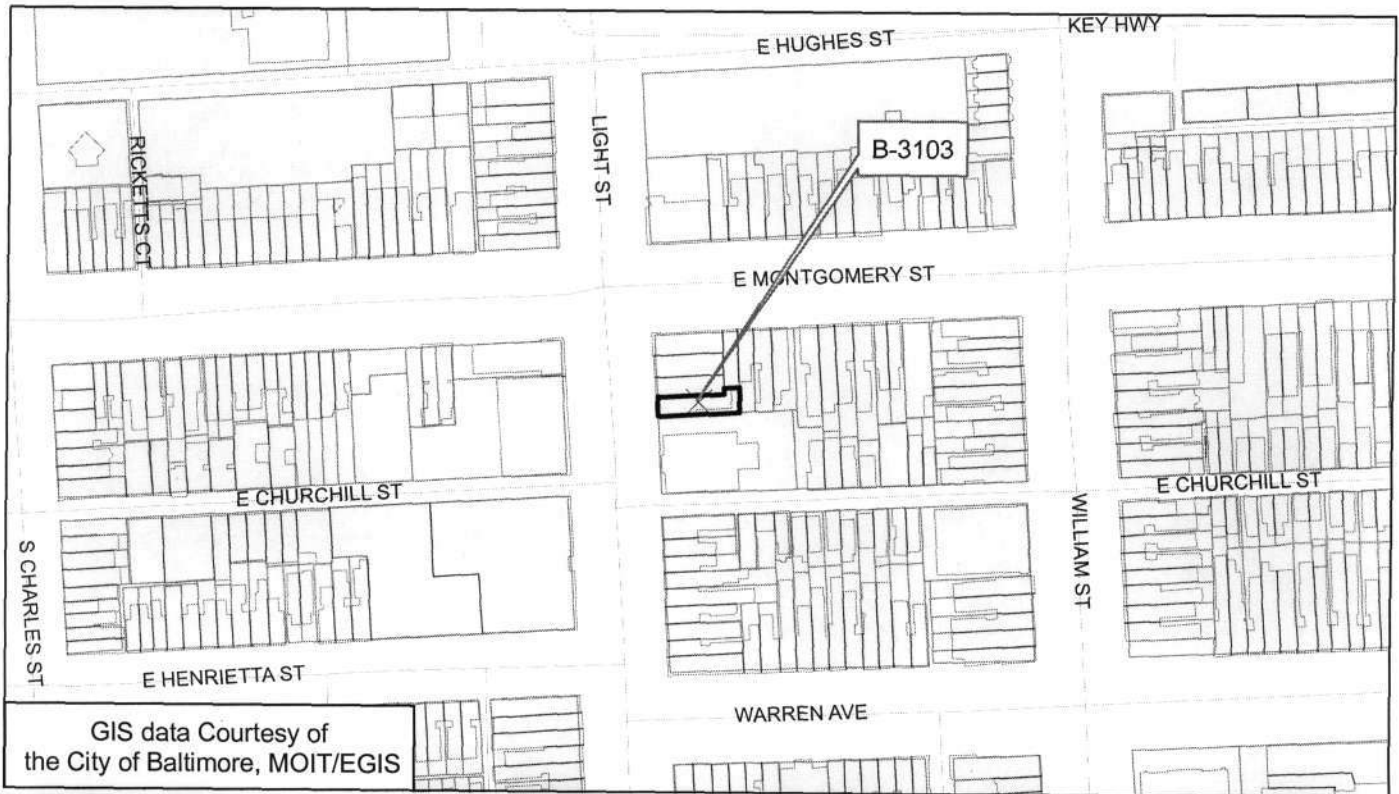


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807 Light St.

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West elevation